



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

**CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2020
Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services
1100 4th Street, S.W. – 7th Floor Conference Room
Washington, DC 20024
10:30 am—12:30 pm**

Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Board Staff Present	Other Persons Present
Jill Stern, Chair (by phone)	Joel Causey		John Catlett, AOBA (by phone)
Marc Fetterman, Vice Chair	Kellie Farster		Randi Marshall, AOBA (by phone)
Chris Bailey	Casey Studhalter		Jeff Terrey, Rasky Partners Inc.
Matthew Borger			Nicola Whiteman, AOBA (by phone)
Tony Falwell			Kirsten Williams, AOBA (by phone)
Garret Whitescarver			
Jason Wright			

1. Preliminary Matters

i Call to Order and Roll Call

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Marc Fetterman, Vice Chair, at 10:39 am with a roll call of members and other persons present.

ii Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved upon motion made by Jason Wright and seconded by Matthew Borger.

iii Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the Thursday, November 21, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously upon motion made by Chris Bailey and seconded by Tony Falwell.

2. Election of Officers

Marc Fetterman was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair upon motion made by Tony Falwell and seconded by Garret Whitescarver.



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Jill Stern advised the Board that Armando Lourenco officially resigned from the Board due to personal commitments, and that David Epley is no longer a Board member having left DCRA. She informed the Board that Raj Setty is being considered by MOTA as a candidate to replace Armando Lourenco in the mechanical engineering seat, and that she has reached out to DCRA to determine who will be designated as the DCRA representative in David Epley's place.

3. 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes

Jill Stern advised the Board that the Council Approval Resolution Package for the 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes is still awaiting review by the Mayor's Office (OPLA) on November 15, 2019. Given the continued delay, Jill Stern told the Board that adoption of the new rules is not likely to occur until the May-June 2020 timeframe, since the new rules will not become effective until a Notice of Final Rulemaking is published in the DC Register after the 45-day Council review period expires.

The CCCB unanimously approved the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend the 2017 District of Columbia Construction Codes, as incorporating code change proposals previously approved by the CCCB, upon motion made by Jason Wright and seconded by Tony Falwell. Jill Stern indicated that she would forward the NPRM to the Office of the Attorney General for legal sufficiency review.

4. Introduction of New Code Change Proposals

The following new code change proposals were introduced.

Building Code	Code/Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 1.16.20
BC-FLS-9-1-17	2017 DC Building Code/906.1	1.16.20		

5. Consideration of Previously Introduced Code Change Proposals

The following actions were taken by the Board. All actions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Fire Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 1.16.20
FC-FLS-9-1-17 (previously introduced as FC-CCCB-9-1-17)	906.1	10.17.19	Referred to Fire TAG; deferred 11.21.19; revised by TAG 1.16.20	Deferred
Electrical Code	Section	Introduced	Procedural History	CCCB Action 1.16.20
ElecC-CCCB- 6-1-17	Article 690	10.17.19	Referred to Electrical TAG; deferred 11.21.19	Deferred



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The Board members discussed the proposed revision of Section 906.1 of the Fire and Building Codes, to conform to the 2018 model codes. Matthew Borger expressed strong concern about the proposed deletion of the historic District of Columbia portable fire extinguisher exemption for sprinklered buildings. This concern was echoed by Nicola Whiteman and John Catlett of AOBA. Jill Stern confirmed that Matthew Borger and John Catlett had both sent written opposition to the proposed Section 906.1 revision, which she circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. The concerns expressed regarding the change included: (1) Virginia has not adopted the model code language and continues to exempt sprinklered buildings from the portable fire extinguisher requirement; and (2) reliance on portable fire extinguishers encourages occupants to stand and fight rather than leaving a potentially dangerous situation. Nicola Whiteman agreed to provide the Board with reports to back-up the expressed concerns, along with copies of current Maryland and Virginia laws. In order to allow for more discussion of the proposed code change, the portable fire extinguisher proposals were deferred to the next meeting.

6. Other Matters

Garret Whitescarver advised the Board that DCRA has provided funding for activities relating to launch of the new code.

Jill Stern advised the Board that a DCRA Oversight Hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2020, and that she had spoken with DCRA's legislative team about the possibility of CCCB testimony at the agency's hearing. She indicated that she would draft proposed testimony for review by the CCCB and DCRA.

A Special Meeting of the CCCB was scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:00 pm, to be held at FEMS.

7. Comments by Members of the Public

Except for comments by Nicola Whiteman, Kirsten Williams, and John Catlett, as noted above, no members of the public participated in the meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2020.